

**Fremont Conservation Commission**  
**10-22-07 Minutes**



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**Minutes of October 22, 2007**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Approved November 5, 2007**

Present: Chairman Jack Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien and Tina Sturdivant, Alternate Pat deBeer and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

At 7:00 pm Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting and appointed Alt. deBeer as a voting member for this meeting.

The special meeting was called by Chairman Karcz to discuss what is needed for map(s) at the upcoming November 28, 2007 Public Hearing to show to the public regarding the wetlands being recommended for prime wetland designation as a result of the Prime Wetland Designation Study recently conducted by Mark West.

The Conservation Commission previously discussed having the wetland boundary data from Mr. West's study digitized. Since the study included all wetlands in Fremont which were 3 acres and larger, the general consensus of the Conservation Commission was that making this detailed data available digitally for general use would be desirable. The wetlands recommended for Prime Wetland Designation would be a subset of this data. When towns designate wetlands as prime as specified in the state regulations, the newly designated prime wetlands must appear on the Town tax map.

The option of digitizing was discussed.

Alt. deBeer suggested paying for having all of the new wetland data in Mr. West's study digitized and then have Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) make the maps or update the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Wetland Maps using the digitized data. She stated that if the data is not digitized, GIS software cannot be used to create maps. Alt. deBeer felt that all of the 57 wetlands Mr. West studied should be digitized in order to get the most from his work. In order for the new wetland information to be used by the National Wetlands Inventory, the NH Wildlife Action Plan, Rockingham Planning Commission, NH Granit and others, the data must be digitized.

Chrm. Karcz felt that he would not want to spend the extra money to have all of the wetlands digitized until it is necessary. He stated that what is needed for the upcoming November 28, 2007 Public Hearing is a simple display map similar to what Mr. West showed the Planning Board at their October 10, 2007 meeting, showing the 26 prime wetland candidates. Chrm. Karcz felt that there is probably not time, nor is it necessary, to have all the wetland data digitized for the public hearing.

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The Members agreed that the complete data should be digitized on the NRI Wetlands Map no matter what the outcome of the March 2008 vote on the Prime Wetlands designation and if it passes then the Prime Wetlands can be added.

The general consensus of the Commission was to seek additional information regarding options for digitizing the maps including whether or not RPC would be able to digitize all the wetland data and the cost of doing this.

Mbr. Obrien summarized the discussion.

1. Ask Mark West to provide a map similar to the one he provided at the Planning Board meeting showing the 26 prime wetland candidates for the public hearing scheduled for November 28, 2007.
2. Talk to RPC to see if they can digitize all the wetlands studied, and if so, what the timeframe and cost would be.
3. Find out what Don Dollard, who prepares the Fremont tax maps, would charge to update the Town tax maps to include the newly designated Prime Wetlands after they have been voted on at the Town meeting in March.
4. Find out if Don Dollard could use the digitized data created by RPC to update the Town maps.

#### **DISPLAY BOARD**

Mbr. O'Brien reported that she has ordered the display board. The cost was \$302.43.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc